



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell



Mayor Art McDonnell poses with a member of the Tajikistan delegation that visited Kirkwood on May 18 to learn more about American municipal government. The mayor is wearing traditional Tajikistan apparel, a gift from the delegation.

It was a great honor for the City last week to be visited by a group of mayors and officials from the country of Tajikistan. They were interested in how our local government functioned. We spent the afternoon discussing our form of government and how we deliver the services our citizens expect. The group was impressed with Kirkwood and presented me with a ceremonial outfit from their country.

Congratulations to Dr. Dave Holley, Kirkwood High School principal, and Dr. Debra Holmes, director of curriculum for Kirkwood schools, on their retirement. We thank both of these exceptional people for their years of service to the children of the Kirkwood School District.

Congratulations also to the Kirkwood High School Class of 2011 on their graduation. It has been a pleasure for me to attend some other graduations, over the last few weeks, for the Junior Tree Keeper program, a program that teaches third and fourth grade children about trees. This is a great program sponsored by the City's Urban Forestry Commission. Speaking of trees, have you noticed all those 50 little trees planted last Fall in honor of the Greentree Festival's 50th anniversary? They are growing and looking strong.

The Kirkwood pool opens this weekend, and this summer marks the 25th anniversary year for Stages St Louis. Get your pool passes and your theatre tickets!! I hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday weekend and spend a little time talking to your neighbors, as we remember those who made the greatest sacrifice while protecting American freedoms, on this Memorial Day.

KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

NEWS FROM PARKS & RECREATION: Tennis courts re-open at Kirkwood Park

The newly rebuilt tennis courts in Kirkwood Park have re-opened for public play. Construction on the tennis courts began last fall, and the courts have been closed until now. Kirkwood residents can enjoy the courts for \$4 per day, while non-residents play for \$5 per day. Season passes and a 10-punch card are also available for increased cost savings. Call 314-822-5855 for details.

Tropical Moose opens in Kirkwood Park

Tropical Moose has opened as the new vendor in the Kirkwood Park Concession Stand. Hours of operation for the summer will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily. "TroMo" will offer 50 flavors of shaved ice, from standards such as cherry, grape, and blueberry, to unique flavors such as wedding cake, "monkey snot," and motor oil, with toppings such as whipped cream, balsamic vinegar, and pop rocks, among others, available. The Canine Cooler, TroMo's shaved ice for pets, will also be on hand. Tropical Moose is also open at Kirkwood Farmer's Market, where they will operate from noon to 9 p.m. daily.

"The Sound of Music" Concert and Movie in the Park

Join us for our annual Movie in the Park on Friday, June 3, at the Lions' Amphitheater in Kirkwood Park. This year the Kirkwood Children's Chorale will perform, and movie-goers are encouraged to bring their singing voices with them and join in! Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Chorale performs at 8 p.m. The movie, "The Sound of Music," begins at 8:45. Tickets are \$3 each. No reserved seating. Rain-out hotline: 822-5860. Rain date: Saturday, June 4. Come dressed in your favorite character's costume!

STEAM LOCOMOTIVE "WHISTLE STOPS" IN KIRKWOOD JUNE 2

Union Pacific's Steam Locomotive will make a 15-minute "Whistle Stop" in Kirkwood on Thursday, June 2, at approximately 12:35 p.m. The locomotive will stop at the Kirkwood Train Station, on a two-week tour beginning and ending at its home in Cheyenne, Wyoming. After its stop here, the train will head downtown and will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the following day, Friday, June 3, at the downtown train station, on the corner of South Ewing and Papin Street. For a full itinerary, visit the City Website home page at www.kirkwoodmo.org, and click on the link to the Union Pacific Website.



Kirkwood Park Ranger Jim Rook stands next to his 1962 GMC Suburban Ambulance, which won First Place in the "Special Interest" class of the Magic Dragon Car Show at the Bagnell Dam in April.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE ON MONDAY, MAY 30

American Legion Post 156 in Kirkwood will once again host a Memorial Day service at the Veterans' Memorial at the entrance to the Memorial Walkway in downtown Kirkwood. The Memorial is located on the northeast corner of City Hall on Kirkwood Road. The service will begin at 10 a.m., on Monday, May 30, and an open house will follow immediately at the American Legion Post building at 314 South Clay. The memorial service will be held rain or shine. This year's keynote speaker will be State Senator Eric Schmitt.

ART AT THE STATION

The Kirkwood Area Arts Council's Art at the Station presents digital photographer Nick Ventimiglia's work through May 31. An exhibit of Charm Lindner's work, in watercolor and colored pencil, will open May 31 and run through June 27. The opening reception will be held Thursday, June 2, from 5:30-7 p.m. Reception and exhibit at the Kirkwood Train Station, 100 W. Argonne. Art may be viewed when the station is open for passengers. Exhibits and opening receptions are free and open to the public. For more information, visit their website at www.kirkwoodareaarts.org.

KIRKWOOD EMPLOYEE EARNS PRESTIGIOUS DESIGNATION



Kirkwood Assistant Finance Director Sandy Stephens poses with her CPFO Certificate.

Kirkwood's Assistant Finance Director Sandra Stephens recently completed the requirements for the designation of "Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO)." To earn the CPFO designation, candidates must demonstrate their knowledge of public finance by passing five examinations, representing the following core functions: 1) Governmental accounting, auditing, and financial reporting. 2) Cash management and investments. 3) Debt management. 4) Operating and capital budgeting. 5) Pension and benefits, risk management, and procurement. Since the inception of the Government Finance Officers association's CPFO program, 448 individuals have earned the designation. This year, eight individuals met the requirements. To maintain the designation, these individuals must participate in 30 hours of continuing professional education each year. The City of Kirkwood congratulates Sandy!

CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30, IN OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL DAY.
NO SANITATION COLLECTION ON MONDAY.
ALL SANITATION ROUTES WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE DAY.



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR



The Kirkwood Pool opens TOMORROW, Saturday, May 28. Get your ID card or season pass at the Community Center. Holiday hours this weekend are: Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Monday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Additional information about most events and programs can be found on the City's Website Calendar at www.kirkwoodmo.org.

JUNE 3 - JULY 3: "A Chorus Line," presented by Stages. Robert Reim Theater, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer. For ticket information, call 314-821-2407. Administrative offices: 636-530-5959. See City Website for dates and times.

Kirkwood Public Library – KPL Summer Cinema. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.

- June 2:** The Great Race.
- June 9:** To Catch a Thief.
- June 14:** A Little Romance.
- June 16:** Enchanted April.
- June 21:** Out of Africa.
- June 23:** The Bridges at Toko-Ri.
- June 28:** Seven Years in Tibet.
- June 30:** A Passage to India.

DOWNTOWN KIRKWOOD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Downtown Kirkwood's annual summer concert series kicks off in June from the performance platform at Kirkwood Station Plaza, 120 S. Kirkwood Road, across from City Hall. For more information, call 314-775-2921. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m.

- June 2:** Fair Warning, Sponsored by Haiti Orphan Project.
- June 9:** Hulapoppers. Sponsored by Checkered Cottage, Down by the Station, and Moonbeams.
- June 16:** Daddy's Cookin'. Sponsored by Amigos Cantina, Grapevine Wine & Cheese, and Riggs Construction & Design.

KIRKWOOD AREA ARTS COUNCIL – JUNE "MAKING MUSIC" SCHEDULE

Concerts are free and held in Kirkwood Park on the second and fourth Saturdays in June, July, and August, at the Lions' Amphitheater, unless noted. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Donations are appreciated. Sponsored by KAAC and the Kirkwood Parks & Recreation Department.

- June 11:** St. Louis Wind Collaboration.
- June 25:** Gateway City Big Band.

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 6/2 City Council 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
- 6/6 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
- 6/8 Landmarks, 6:30 p.m.
- 6/9 City Council WS, 7 a.m.
- 6/10 Citizens' Finance, 7 a.m.
- 6/13 Aquatics Advisory, 6:45 p.m., Comm Ctr
- 6/13 Board of Adjustment, CANCELED
- 6/13 Park Board, 7 p.m., Comm Ctr
- 6/14 Human Rights, 6:30 p.m.
- 6/15 Special Business District, 7:30 a.m.
- 6/15 Library Board, 5:30 p.m. - Meet at the library
- 6/15 Planning/Zoning, 7 p.m.
- 6/16 City Council 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
- 6/20 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
- 6/22 Greentree, 7 p.m., Comm Ctr
- 6/28 Urban Forestry, 7 p.m.

NOTE: Some boards and commissions meet less frequently during the summer months. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are typically held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 South Kirkwood Road. Please check the Meetings Calendar on the City's Website for agendas, room locations, or any last-minute changes.

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The City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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